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SUBJECT: ALLEGED MURDER-MUTINY ABOARD MIMI

1. PANAMANIAN EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 15 MADE ORAL REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF FILIPINO AND FOUR INDONESIAN CREWMEN. EMBASSY WILL SEND DEPARTMENT NOTE OCTOBER 16 MAKING FORMAL WRITTEN REQUEST. PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE ALSO REQUESTED THAT USG MAKE AVAILABLE ANY INVESTIGATORY REPORTS AVAILABLE CONCERNING EVENTS LEADING TO MURDER OF FOUR WEST GERMAN OFFICERS AND SCUTTling OF SHIP.

2. AS RESULT OF PANAMANIAN REQUEST, IMMIGRATION COURT HEARING POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 17. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PANAMANIAN NOTE, DEPARTMENT PLANS REQUEST DEPART-

MENT OF JUSTICE TO SEEK COURT ORDER PLACING FIVE SEAMEN UNDER PROVISIONAL ARREST PENDING RECEIPT OF FORMAL EXTRADITION DOCUMENTS WITHIN TWO MONTH PERIOD SPECIFIED BY TREATY.

3. ON INSTRUCTION FROM BONN, FRG EMBASSY OCTOBER 15 SUBMITTED NOTE TO DEPARTMENT ALSO REQUESTING EXTRADITION.

DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED FRG EMBASSY REPS THAT UNDER US-FRG EXTRADITION TREATY FRG WOULD NOT HAVE STAND-ING TO REQUEST EXTRADITION. FRG WAS FULLY AWARE OF THIS INTERPRETATION IN ADVANCE BUT FELT CONSTRAINED TO SUBMIT REQUEST FOR THE RECORD SINCE FOUR FRG CITIZENS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF CRIME.

4. EMBASSY PANAMA REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES HANDLING CASE, EMPHASIZING AS APPROPRIATE NEED FOR CAREFUL PREPARATION OF FORMAL EXTRADITION REQUEST. KISSINGER

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